

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

November 12, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. **OPENING BUSINESS**

- a. Chairperson Jeremy Lao called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Mike Anderson led the invocation.
- c. Brin Anderson and Lindsey Evans were absent.
- d. Dan Zenker motioned to approve the November 5, 2003 Executive Summary. Drew Sandstrum seconded. The minutes were approved at 6:07 p.m.

II. **OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. Mr. Pat Hallahan, Student Body President
 - i. Pat reported that the Council of Representatives was working first with its by-laws in order to ensure the actions of that body are appropriate before re-working the constitution.
- b. Ms. Emily Chin, Chief of Staff
 - i. Emily noted the collaboration between the Office of the President and the committees of Senate. She commended their activities. The CLC has created a task force, regarding health services. They plan to meet with Dr. Moss for a new system for disabled students.
 - ii. Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining hall will be another "Irish Inquisition".
 - iii. Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. there will be a Last Lecture Series.
- c. Mr. Andy Vitt, HPC Liaison
 - i. Andy remarked that Lewis hall won the award for best web page. The family ties week was last week, and brother and sister dorm events took place. They are now evaluating the Rockne awards for October.

III. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Jack Laskowitz reported their efforts for another plane ticket for those who study abroad for an entire year. They are also looking at a new finals/study days schedule.
 - b. Committee on Diversity Affairs
 - i. Laura Feeney said they are currently working with the Gay/Straight Alliance group on campus.
 - c. Committee on Ethics
 - i. Molly Griffin presented a letter reminding the Senators of the attendance policy. She read aloud the new rules. Dave Osburn clarified that excused absences should be reviewed by Jeremy.
 - d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Kaitlyn Redfield stated that the group presented the proposal for a Women's Resource Center to the CLC on Monday. They are going to work on this issue in their Gender Relations committee to solidify plans. In two weeks, they will go back to the CLC for a vote.
 - e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Claire Berezowitz informed the Senate that Oversight committee members would join University Affairs.
 - f. Committee on Residence Life
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- i. Jana Lamplota said that they are still working on the Golden Domes project. They also had a good meeting with Bill Kirk about reinstating the Rugby team.
- g. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. J.R. Garcia mentioned they will create a plan for the semester, now that the group has changed. They are hoping to get their survey online soon. They are also working with NDSP to get *ND a service on telephones to call NDSP in case of an emergency.
- h. Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. Lauren Williams passed out the Hall Fellows list to each dorm. The academic commissioners should be receiving this and setting up lecture times.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Alternates to the Council of Representatives
 - i. Dan Zenker presented the resolutions passed at the last COR meeting, citing rules for absences and replacements at each meeting. They are allowed to choose Senators to serve in their stead-if they are unable to attend. He thought they should elect two alternates, who would assume all responsibilities and would fill in if necessary. Jeremy Lao asked for volunteers. Jordan Bongiovanni and Brian Agganis volunteered. There was no their interest. *Jordan Bongiovanni and Brian Agganis were approved as alternates to the Council of Representatives at 6:20 p.m.*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Laura Feeney announced that the Badin Ladies' Football team would be playing against Lewis Hall in the stadium Sunday.
- b. Dave Osburn said Thursday at 8:00 p.m. O'Neill hall will show the movie "Airplane!" in LaFortune.
- c. Jack Laskowitz noted that Dillon Hall would play Siegfried in the Men's football championship in the stadium Sunday as well.
- d. Kaity Redfield noted that she would be organizing the "Vagina Monologues" on campus this year. She passed out posters to promote the event. The proceeds go to a women's charity.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Karsten Steinhäuser motioned to adjourn. Aaron Zielinski seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place on November 19, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith
Student Body Secretary
